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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Robert Allen's Column

1. This morning I received a telephone call from Mr. Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. He read to me an extract from a recent column by Robert Allen which appeared in the Northern Virginia Sun. The portion which Mr. Marcy read me stated in effect that the Foreign Relations Committee was investigating various foreign refugee groups allegedly supported by the CIA for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of money CIA is giving to these groups. Mr. Marcy stated that the Committee had never undertaken such an investigation and had no intention of so doing. He said he had specifically checked with Senator Fulbright's office to be sure that he had personally never advocated such a probe. Mr. Marcy went on to say that it seemed to him as though the column had been made up out of the whole cloth.

2. I thanked Mr. Marcy for his courtesy in telephoning and told him that we were glad to know that there was no substance to the statements he had read me from the Allen column.

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